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WITH A
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Jesus Christ went about doing good.—*Acts* x, 38.

Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind.—*Luke* xiv, 51.

He that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.—*James* v, 20.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised, shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned.—*Mark* xvi. 15, 16.

“THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US.”

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THE RECORD OF A YEAR.

Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.

This Society, from October 1st, 1872, to October 1st, 1873, has expended \$3,928.21 through its seven Missionaries and six hundred Visitors and Assistant Superintendents. It has distributed gratuitously 1,168,847 English, 107,186 German, and 1,532 French tracts, in all 1,277,565, over the city, and to our criminal and humane institutions, engine and station houses; also to the shipping along the Delaware and Schuylkill. Seven hundred and twenty-seven meetings were held during the year; 328 Bibles and Testaments, from the Philadelphia Bible Society, were given away; 20,467 visits were made; 469 children secured for Sabbath-school; 627 persons persuaded to attend Church; 591 sick and in distress relieved; 227 who signed the total abstinence pledge; and 577 cases of religious interest.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, William Purves; Secretary, Thomas A. Robinson; Treasurer, David W. Prescott; General Agent, Joseph H. Schreiner.

The following Tracts have been distributed gratuitously over the City during the year:

	<i>English.</i>	<i>German.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Name of Tract.</i>
October, 1872,	69,650	8,753	137	"The Poor Negro's Debt."
November, "	87,966	8,853	127	"The Light House Keeper."
December, "	109,650	8,753	127	"A Striking Answer to Prayer."
January, 1873,	64,400	8,753	127	"Don't Put it Off."
February, "	67,733	8,753	127	"I'll take it at once and be Thankful."
March, "	64,400	8,753	127	"No More a Wayward Child."
April, "	64,400	9,003	127	"I Could Not Do Without Jesus."
May, "	70,566	9,803	127	"Honest Jane Bawden."
June, "	181,133	8,703	127	"What Will You Do in Heaven."
July, "	220,050	8,978	127	Miscellaneous.
September, "	74,183	8,878	125	"The Last Day to Pray."

Report of Missionary along the Delaware and Schuylkill.

Since my last report to you I have visited two hundred and three vessels at this port, and supplied their crews with tracts in the following languages: Italian, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portugese, Finland, Swedish, Danish, and English. I have attended the meetings on the Receiving Ship at our Navy Yard, and have supplied the marines and seamen connected with our Navy with tracts and religious papers. As many as twelve seamen, recently, on the Receiving Ship, have requested us to pray for them, and some of these have found hope in Christ.

Report of Missionary in First District.

I gave the tracts to the distributors; some appear much interested in the work. One lady, who has been engaged in distributing about a year, says there is a great change in her section: there has been six hopeful conversions; several families attend Church now that never had before; she placed forty children in Sunday School; six intemperate persons reformed. She is very much encouraged, and hopes that God will bless her more in her work.

I distributed my tracts, made one hundred and fifty visits, which were very pleasant, and I hope profitable. I told them that I was going to the country for a few weeks; many said, "God bless you, and bring you back safe, and make you strong and able to visit us often." I left the city the 26th of July, and returned the 20th of August, feeling rather stronger. I hope the Lord will make us strong in himself for the work before us; without his help we can do nothing; may the blessed Holy Spirit help our infirmities and make us faithful in circulating the tract which may prove to be the word of life to many, in leading them into paths of holiness. Let us go forth sowing the seed, watering it with our prayers and tears. May it bring a harvest of souls, and to God be the glory.

I have felt greatly encouraged by what I have heard this month. One gentleman said, "Oh, you don't know the good the tract is doing! Two persons, father and son, have both been awakened by the reading of a tract; the father reading it first and then giving it to the son. They will both unite with the Church." I inquired what tract it was and found it to be the January tract, "Don't Put it Off." This has been highly spoken of.

I was much gratified by a conversation I heard in regard to one of our visitors. One lady said to another, "Miss K.," meaning one of the visitors, "has been a good friend to this young lady who is about to be buried." The other replied, "She tries to be a friend to every one. She has been one to me; and if it had not been for her faithfulness to me I would not have been in the Church to-day." This young lady could not say enough to express her gratitude to Miss K. for what had been done by her as an instrument for her conversion.

The desire to have some one read to them has been expressed by many families when asked if they could read, and also a desire to have the Prayer-meeting at their homes.

Our Prayer-meetings have been very interesting; one of these meetings being held in the house of a colored family.

One Visitor reports the death of two persons she has visited for some time; one was a Christian, the other paid no attention to religion until after being laid on a sick bed. This lady visited, reading and praying with her, till death ended her sufferings. She died rejoicing that this lady had been sent to her to show her her duty.

Ten names have been given on the Temperance Pledge this month.

Report of Missionary in Second District.

Some of the results of our Mission work we are permitted to see. I shall only give a case or two, that our hearts may be encouraged, our faith increased, our zeal inspired, and all be led to be more faithful to our Divine Lord.

The first is a family of five or six, in ignorance and sin, by the kind Christian efforts of a Visitor, brought to the house of God to hear his gospel. Some of them give promise of a better life. Another Visitor found a man, who had been a tavern keeper, was very much of an infidel, and careless of the gospel claim upon him. She spoke to him kindly; offered him a tract; he refused, and turned away with indifference, being quite *unwell*. She afterwards visited him; found him more pleasant; conversed with him, reading the tracts and Scriptures to him, with singing and prayer. Your Missionary has visited him, and heard him say, "I now have sweet peace in that Saviour who so long I rejected." Being in a decline, he is rapidly passing away, but expresses a cheertful trust in the Lord forever. Quite a number, the present month, said to your Missionary, "Through your Mission meetings I have been led to see my need of a Saviour, and to find in him the precious friend I need." Four or five of whom I speak have united with the Church of Christ; to live for him only, and to be more useful. Let us seek more of the Holy Spirit's aid.

The following is a brief account of our Mission's work for the month of May, 1873:—

Twenty-one thousand and five hundred English, German and French tracts put in circulation; four families supplied with a copy of the Word of Life; forty meetings of gospel privileges held with and for the people in our District; thirty persons persuaded to attend Church; fourteen children in different Sunday-schools, with sixty-five in a Mission Sunday-school, and some fifty persons, interested in their own salvation—some of them giving evidence of a new life of faith in Jesus; ten or twelve families, sick and destitute, acknowledge the goodness of God in sending consolation to them in their time of great need by our Mission; ten or twelve have signed the pledge. Your Missionary has made two hundred visits and calls for missionary laborers and other benevolent purposes, all tending to our missionary work in leading souls to the Saviour, with one hundred and eighty by visitors, all serving the same important end.

The above is submitted, as we invite all to unite with us in seeking more of the Holy Spirit's aid upon our Mission's important work.

Report of Missionary in Third District.

In the providence of my Heavenly Father I have been permitted to work on in his service another month. The seed of truth has been east abroad, and I do trust some may have fallen into ground made ready by the blessed Spirit, and may bring forth fruit to God's glory. I have had some precious seasons at the prison, in close converse with men, and trust, operated on by the Holy Spirit. One young man said he has the first tract I ever gave him, entitled "Danger Ahead." It led him, as he hopes, to feel the danger and to seek and find the refuge. He has grown much in the knowledge of himself, and I hope the plan of salvation is understood by him and heartily loved.

Another says he feels that it was one of God's plans to stop him in the way of sin; to put him where he now is, to lead him to Jesus, and he gives good evidence of living a child of God.

On leaving the prison last Sabbath I called to leave a few tracts with some of the Fire Department, and had some conversation with them. I found they had no Bible in their room. I procured a very beautiful copy, and in the evening left it for them. They were very thankful for it, and led me through their beautiful house, and I tried to impress them with the thought of eternity. I want to supply them with some good reading. They are glad to get the tracts. I have been much pleased with them all.

Called at a house to leave a tract; a woman came in who had her babe run over by one of the street cars, and it had died from the injury. It gave me the occasion to talk to her about being ready to die and meet God.

At another house saw a young man very ill with heart disease, not able to lie down, and with not much sensibility on the subject. He is very near his end in time. I prayed with them.

By request, visited a poor woman, very sick and very destitute. Gave her some aid, and tried to speak to her about her soul, and prayed with her.

Met a boy in the street who asked for a tract. Gave him one, and then asked if he went to Sabbath-school. He had been going to a school far down town, but they had lately moved near the school I attend. I found where he lived, and called on his mother and engaged two or three children.

Had conversation with a man who said he had not been to Church for twenty years. I tried to show him that he was living wrong before God, but Satan has blinded him to his own ruin, I fear.

The first interesting case which I have to report this month is that of a young man who has been rapidly going into a decline, and who has recently professed faith in the Saviour. On last Saturday morning he requested to have the Scriptures read to him, after which he exclaimed, "That will do! I am going home to Jesus," and then expired. It is well to remark that the leaflets and tracts given to him, and the visitations of the Missionary were, we believe, in the providence of God, the means of leading him to Christ.

The next case is that of a young married woman who has been sick and suffering for a long time, and whom your missionary has been visiting for some time; passed away last Sabbath morning rejoicing in the love of her Saviour.

In both of these cases your Missionary officiated at the funeral services.

The Mission has had a great many applications from the poor, through the distributors, as usual being requests for means to meet rent and purchase necessities of life. I have collected on this account \$12.50, also thirty-six pieces of clothing for children to prepare them for Sabbath-school.

Your Missionary has had many interesting meetings in various places, and the interest manifested by all is, I believe, an evidence that some seed has been sown that will grow to the honor and glory of God.

In closing, your Missionary solicits an interest in your prayers, that the Lord may bless the efforts put forth, and to his name we will give all the honor and glory.

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BY-LAWS.

1. At a meeting of the Board the following will be the order of business:—Reading the Minutes of the last meeting; Unfinished Business; Reports of Executive, Standing, and other Committees; Corresponding Secretary's Report; Treasurer's Report; New Business.

2. That in addition to the Executive Committee, the following shall be Standing Committees of the Board:—Committee on Criminal and Humane Institutions; on Shipping along the Delaware and Schuylkill; on Station and Engine Houses.

3. Each of the Standing Committees shall keep a Book of Minutes of their proceedings, in permanent form, the reading of which shall constitute essentially their report to the Board.

4. Tracts for the use of the several Standing Committees shall be drawn from the Depository of the Philadelphia Tract Society by order of their respective Chairmen, who shall keep an accurate account thereof and report at the next stated meeting of the Board.

5. The stated meetings of the Board shall be on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

6. It is recommended that the meetings of the several Committees from the Board be opened with prayer.

7. No tracts shall be delivered for distribution to any Committee unless they agree to make regular reports to the Board.

8. The several Standing Committees are authorized to call in the aid of other individuals, so far as they find necessary, for the discharge of the duties assigned them.

9. These By-Laws shall not be altered or amended without the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members at a stated meeting.

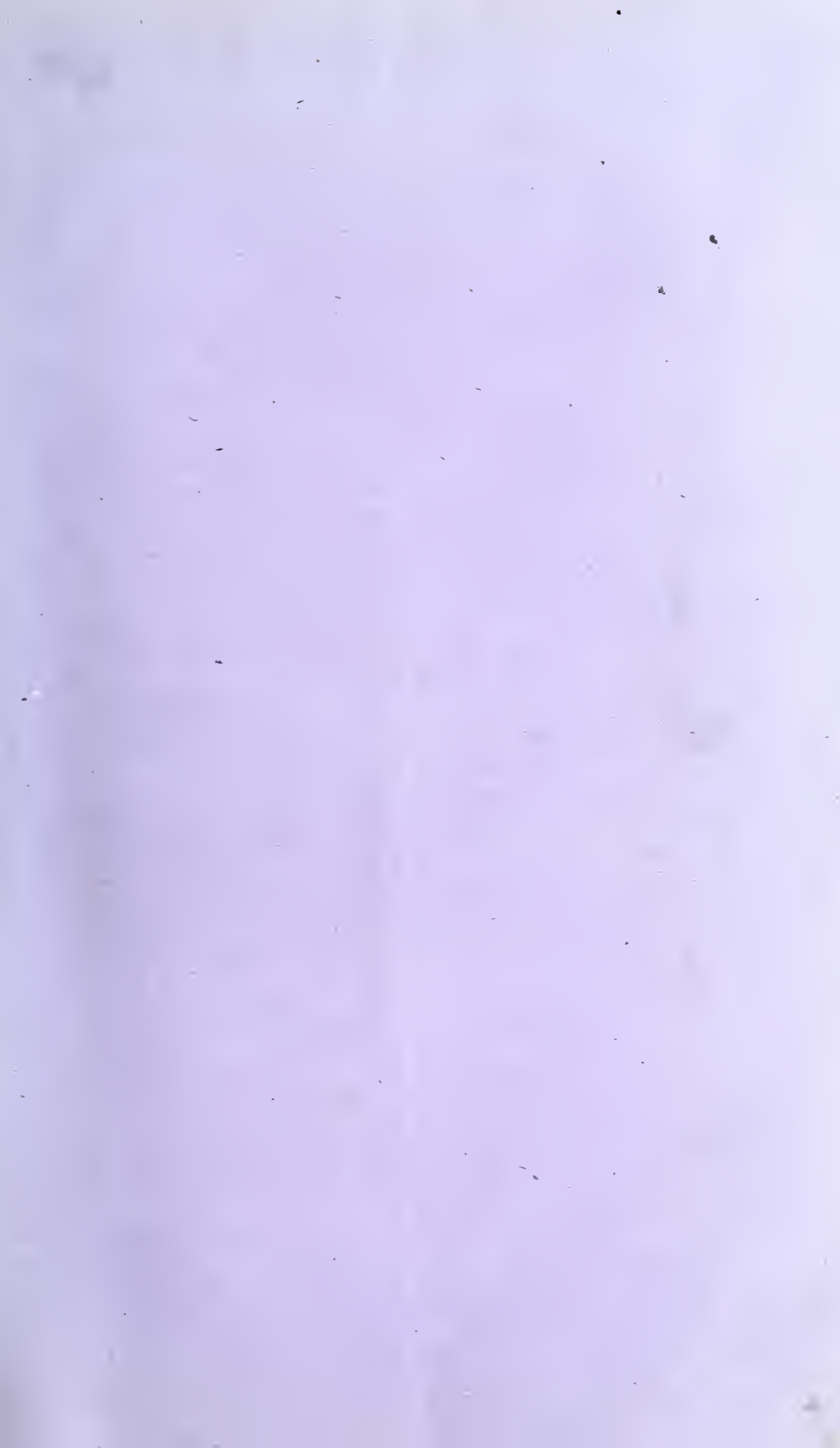
Meetings of the Society, the Board, and Committees.

Annual Meeting of the Society, on the last Tuesday evening in September.

Meeting of the Board, on the fourth Tuesday evening in every month.

Meeting of the Executive Committee, on first and third Tuesday afternoons.

Meetings of the other Committees, at the call of their respective Chairmen.



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